



News release

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Redford Government delivers on issues that matter to Albertans

Edmonton... The fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature continued to deliver the transformational change Premier Alison Redford promised.

"In the spring, Albertans made a strong statement on the issues that matter to them and what their government should focus on. Albertans expect us to focus on their priorities and to build and invest in Alberta's future. I am proud to say that we have done just that," said Premier Redford.

The Alberta Legislature passed 10 pieces of legislation, focused on improving accountability, openness and transparency across government, ensuring our natural resources are managed in an even more responsible and efficient manner, protecting new home buyers, and improving Alberta's world-class education system.

While the opposition focused on an agenda of unprecedented personal attacks, Premier Redford and the government caucus remained focused on the issues that matter to Albertans. The next sitting of the legislature will continue to fulfill Premier Redford's promise to Alberta and will build on this year's extensive conversations with Albertans on health, social policy and finances.

"This session featured a number of substantive bills that will have a positive impact on Albertans' lives and deliver on the change Premier Redford promised," said Dave Hancock, Government House Leader and Minister of Human Services.

The following bills have passed through third reading and are expected to receive Royal Assent shortly (for more information follow the links): Workers' Compensation Amendment Act; Responsible Energy Development Act; Education Act; Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act; New Home Buyer Protection Act; Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act; Electric Utilities Act; Corporate Tax Amendment Act; Employment Pension Plans Act; and the Election Accountability Act.

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Charles,

Kim (copied here) and I are both not available for interviews; however, in response to your email this morning:

The news release correctly points out that while government focused on passing ten substantive bills – opposition in the legislature focused on personal attacks against the government. The statement portrays the difference of focus during the fall sitting of the Alberta legislature and your portrayal is completely inaccurate and misleading.

This has nothing to do with the PC Party, NDP, WRP or ALP, it is about the government and the opposition. As someone who follows government closely, I'm certain you are aware that when the opposition gets up in QP, they are questioning the government and we do and will continue to respond.

Craig Loewen
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Honourable Dave Hancock, QC, Minister of Human Services & Government House Leader

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Kim - I note this news release, under Alberta Govt letterhead and purview, criticizes the opposition. Can you please tell me who approved this email and how it was considered appropriate for the Govt of Alberta to criticize the opposition?

The issue, obviously, is that taxpayers support the Govt and there must be separation between Govt and the PC party.

And of course, I will be looking for someone to interview - you or Mr. Loewen - about this issue. cjr

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